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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated July 27, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

AMENDMENT

In the Drawings

New FIGURES 15-19 have been added, with portions clipped from the drawings of US 5,098,388 "VERESS NEEDLE ASSEMBLY" to Kulkashi.